

Getting Around



By Bus - The Metro

Patronage on Metro has grown by over 20% with over 500,000 passengers travelling each week. A range of ticket types are available to suit all customers including day tickets offering unlimited travel and Smartlink multi-journey tickets providing over 20% saving for regular users who travel on the same route.

Translink also operates Ulsterbus networks across Northern Ireland, delivering local bus services for thousands of people. It recently introduced a new enhanced 24 hours, seven days a week coach service operated jointly with Bus Eireann. The new Belfast to Dublin Airport & Dublin City Goldline shuttle service will operate hourly, seven days a week.

About Metro

- High-frequency service. Buses running between a five to ten minute frequency during the day over the core portion of the corridors.
- All services on the high frequency Metro corridors are operated by low floor vehicles. 70% of Metro buses allow unassisted wheelchair access.
- Simple, easy to use colour-coded timetables for each of the 12 corridors

The Metro Network

The Metro Network has 12 high-frequency corridors along main arterial roads into Belfast City Centre with additional services operating throughout the Greater Belfast Area.

Some Ulsterbus services operating in the Greater Belfast area will set down and pick up on Metro corridors. These services are numbered 500-599 and generally serve the Metro network after 6.30 p.m. and all day Saturday and Sunday.

Metro Corridors

Antrim Road	Metro 1
Shore Road	Metro 2
Hollywood Road	Metro 3
Upr Newtownards Rd	Metro 4
Castlereagh Road	Metro 5
Cregagh Road	Metro 6
Ormeau Road	Metro 7
Malone Road	Metro 8
Lisburn Road	Metro 9
Falls Road	Metro 10
Shankill Road	Metro 11
Oldpark Road	Metro 12

Tel. 028 90 66 66 30

Web. www.translink.co.uk/metro

About Ulsterbus/Goldline Express Coach Services

There are two main bus centres in Belfast, Europa Buscentre and Laganside Buscentre. Ulsterbus operate Northern Ireland wide, serving all main towns and villages. There are 21 main Ulsterbus passenger facilities province wide. Goldline are inter-urban express coach services which give the Northern Ireland public greater choice and frequency on services which link together the main towns and cities across Northern Ireland.

By Rail

Following the introduction of new trains and a new rail service NI Railways have performed exceptionally well. Passenger numbers have increased by over 35% in the past year – a firm endorsement of the service upgrades.

Belfast Central Station and Great Victoria Street

Located on East Bridge Street in the city, Central is home to the popular inter-city Enterprise service to Dublin Connolly, which runs every two hours.

Great Victoria Street Station is the main departure point, along

with Central Station, for the regular trains operated by Northern Ireland Railways from Belfast to suburbs and to Londonderry, the ferry port of Larne, and the main seaside resorts of Bangor and Portrush, Botanic. Central and Great Victoria Street Stations, are popular stops for the main entertainment area.

Tel. 028 9066 6630

By Sea

Belfast is easily accessed by sea crossing from both Scotland and England with new routes continuing to develop. Travel by high-speed catamaran or by traditional ferry with journey times from just one hour.

The Port of Belfast's activities cover three distinct areas:

- Services to shipping.
- Warehousing and distribution services.
- Management and development of the Harbour Estate, including co-promotion with Titanic Quarter Ltd of the 185-acre Titanic Quarter development.

Tel. 028 9055 4422

Web. www.belfast-harbour.co.uk

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By Road

Construction work on the major M1/Westlink roads upgrade project officially began in March 2006 and is expected to be ongoing for three and a half years.

The M1 is the main motorway into Belfast.

Take the N1/A1 route from Dublin if you're driving to Belfast, or the N16 to A4 to M1 route from Sligo or Enniskillen, or the N6/N55/N54/N12/A3 combination of roads if you're travelling from the South-West, such as Galway or Limerick.

Web. www.theaa.com

Scheduled Sailings from the Port of Belfast

Operator	Destination	Frequency	Terminal	Contact
Stena Line	Stranraer	Six sailings daily (Mon, Tues, Thurs, Sun) Seven sailings daily (Wed, Fri, Sat)	Stena Line Terminal	Stena Line Tel. 08705 204 204 www.stenaline.co.uk
Seacat	Isle of Man	Two sailings weekly (summer season)	Donegal Quay	Isle of Man Steam Packet Company Tel. 08712 221 333 www.steam-packet.com
Norfolkline	Liverpool	Daily night sailings and six day time sailings weekly	Victoria Terminal 2	Norfolk Line Irish Sea Ferries Tel. 0870 600 4321 www.norfolkline.com